ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 22, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | ARTIST: REMBRANDT

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel is one that confronts the deepest fears and desires of our human existence. The event of Lazarus being raised from the dead is one that challenged Jesus' disciples, and all those who witnessed it, to believe in Jesus for the gift of eternal life. To be sure, it also gave them the grace to believe that Jesus could offer eternal life. But it would have challenged their understanding of His true and full identity and what they were supposed to trust Him to offer. If Jesus is only a prophet or a wise teacher, we only need to trust Him for wisdom. But if He has the power over death, then we are supposed to trust Him to raise us from the dead and give us eternal life, as Jesus says, "Whoever believes in me, though he die, will live forever." What He means by "believe" is very specific; it is "Jesus, I trust that you can raise me from the dead and give me eternal life, because you are God." If we can trust Him in this way, then we will be able to trust Him to give us everything else He has promised to us.

Pray for Our Elect and Candidates – Please pray for our elect and our candidates as they prepare for Baptism and Confirmation. With the Easter Vigil approaching, there is often a lot of spiritual attack and adversity that will come against them, so let's be sure to cover them in prayer. Let's also be praying for all of their family members and anyone else who Jesus is calling to faith.

Honoring Liz Barber's Service & Now Hiring a Bookkeeper – Liz Barber, our All-Star Bookeeper, will be retiring. I am very grateful for what she has done to serve this parish and we are sad to see her go.

As a result, our parish is seeking a faithful, detail-oriented Part-Time Bookkeeper to help steward parish resources by maintaining financial records, processing receivables and payables, handling payroll, and preparing reports to support our ministries.

If you feel called to serve, please apply through the Catholic Diocese of Lansing Employment Page: dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers.

If you know someone who might be a good fit, please share this opportunity with them.

God Bless You, *Fr. Dan*

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

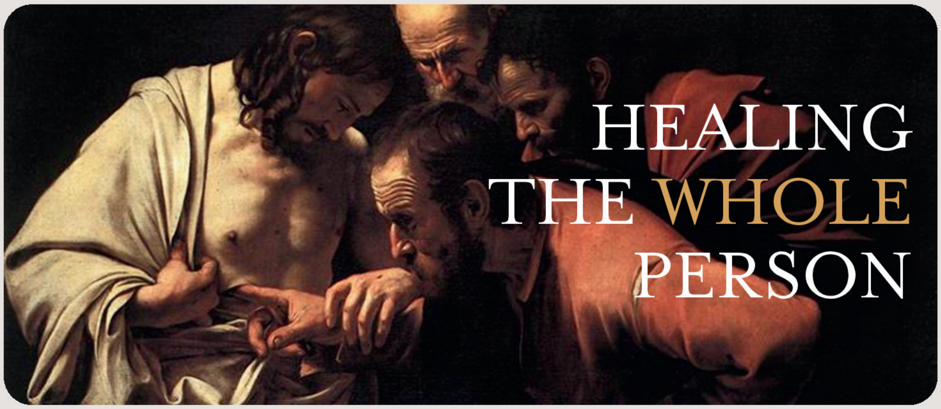
ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

Join Us This Spring!



Encounter the Risen Christ this Easter Season and receive His healing and new life!

WHAT IS IT:
Healing the Whole Person is an 8-week series from the *John Paul II Healing Center* that invites you to explore the human heart, the wounds we carry, and the healing Christ desires to bring. Through video teachings from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, you'll be guided in reflection and prayer to receive Christ's healing love in your life.

WHEN IS IT:
Tuesday Evenings, April 14 - June 2
7:00–9:00 PM

WHO'S IT FOR:
For anyone desiring wholeness, freedom and an encounter with a loving Creator. Those who have participated in previous sessions are very welcome to return and go deeper in their relationship with Christ.

SCAN TO REGISTER:

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

"What we GIVE is what we have FROM the Lord" 1 Chronicles 29:14

Please scan the QR code or visit www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal to make a life-changing gift to DSA today!

SJ Beat

Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH
after the 8 AM Mass
downstairs in the PLC

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

MEN'S MINISTRY MORNINIG

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
6:00 AM
downstairs in the Parish Life Center

Join us as we strive to grow in faith, fraternity, and discipleship. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend—whether you've participated in the Men's Breakfast, *Exodus 90*, or are looking to get connected. Fr. Dan will share what's coming up for Men's Ministry and how you can get involved.

WORSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

Save the Date

MAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

Due to Good Friday and Holy Saturday falling on the first Friday and Saturday of April, we will resume All-Night Adoration in May.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

Lent 2026

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross invite us to walk with Christ in His Passion—not as observers, but as companions. Join us this Lent as we pray them together as a parish community.

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7PM

SJB LENTEN FASTING & PRAYER INTENTIONS

All parishioners are invited to sign up for one day of fasting and prayer during Lent for our Diocese and our parish.

Our Lenten intentions: the needs of Bishop Earl Boyea; vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese; the grace of deeper conversion for all at St. John the Baptist; and the advance of God's Kingdom in Ypsilanti.

PLEASE SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE.

Easter Triduum Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY-EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

No Daily Mass, Confession, or Adoration

6 PM | Mass

7:30 PM - 12 AM | Adoration at the Altar of Repose

In the Parish Gathering Space

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

No Daily Mass, Confession, or Adoration

3 PM | Liturgy

7 PM | Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY-THE EASTER VIGIL

No Daily Mass and Confession

9 PM | Mass

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9 AM & 11 AM | Mass

The Parish Office, will be closed on Thursday, April 2 - Monday, April 6.

JOIN THE CAMPUS MINISTRY TEAM!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is seeking a **Men's Campus Ministry Coordinator** to help build a vibrant community of missionary disciples among students at Eastern Michigan University and Washtenaw Community College.

This full-time role includes mentoring student leaders, organizing small groups and retreats, coordinating weekly gatherings, and reaching out to young men to invite them into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

If you are passionate about evangelization, enjoy working with college students, and feel called to help young adults grow as disciples, this may be a wonderful opportunity! If you know someone who could be a good fit, please encourage them to apply. Otherwise, please pray for whoever the Lord has in mind for this role.

Learn more or apply through the Catholic Diocese of Lansing employment page.
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"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

March 23rd.....No Class

March 30th.....Easter Triduum FYI / Q&A Panel

April 4th.....Easter Vigil

April 6th.....Off - Easter Week

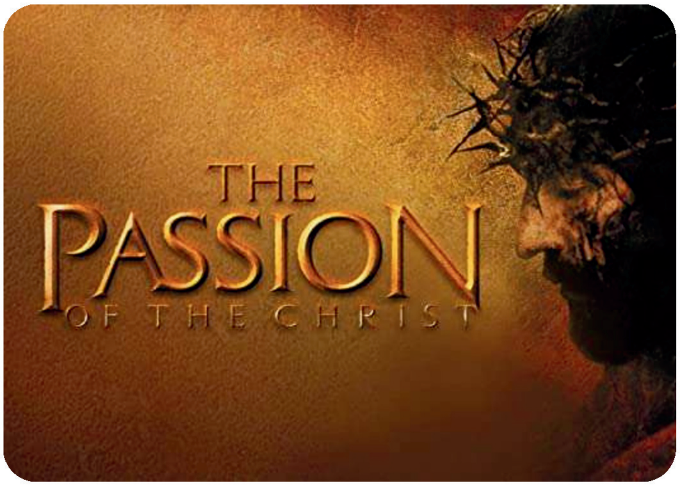
MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

PRAY FOR THE SJB CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMENS!

We invite all parishioners to keep the Catechumens and Candidates in OCIA in your prayers in a special way. Please pray for them for protection, grace, support from our parish community, and lives that radiate the joy of knowing Jesus.

Thank you for accompanying them in prayer as they continue their journey into the fullness of the Catholic faith.



THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST - MOVIE & STATIONS

Join us at St. John the Baptist for a powerful and prayerful afternoon as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week. **We will be showing *The Passion of the Christ* on Friday, March 27 at 4:30 PM.** This moving film invites us to reflect deeply on Christ's suffering and love for us. After the movie, you are invited to remain for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. *Please note this film is intended for mature audiences.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH
4:30 PM
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP FOR SENIORS WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

Volunteer with Catholic Charities for a meaningful morning of service! Spend a few hours raking, trimming, and refreshing the yards of senior neighbors in the community so they can continue aging safely at home. All ages are welcome, but minors need to be supervised by a responsible adult.

APRIL 25 (SIGN UP BY APRIL 18)
MAY 16 (SIGN UP BY MAY 9)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

RISING FROM THE ASHES REVIVAL

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The Archdiocese of Detroit extends a warm invitation to Catholics across Michigan to join the ***Rising from the Ashes Revival***, a day to renew your faith in Jesus Christ and encounter Him more deeply in the Eucharist. Through inspiring speakers, vibrant praise and worship, and fellowship with Catholics from across the region, the day offers opportunities for prayer, formation, and community. Come be renewed in hope, strengthened as a disciple, and sent forth to bring Christ's love to the world.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND
RISINGREVIVAL.ORG
SCAN THE QR CODE
TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX
SURVEY

You're invited to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI)—a 10–15 minute survey that helps diocesan and parish leadership reflect on discipleship and identify key strengths and opportunities. Your feedback will help guide future planning and priorities so our parish and diocese can better support people in knowing, loving, and serving Christ. Thank you for taking the time to participate!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD
12:15 PM:†Catalina R. Dimayuga
Requested by Luisita Sarmiento

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH
6:00 PM: Intentions of Jenn Hollebrands
Requested by Pat & Eileen Meyer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH
8:00 AM: Joe & Maryanne O'Brien
Requested by Anonymous

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH
8:00 AM:† Kevin Coltson
Requested by Tina Tarrent

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH
8:00 AM:† Colleen Neumann
Requested by Jill Kotyuk

5 PM: *Palm Sunday*

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH
9:00 AM: *Palm Sunday*

11 AM: *Palm Sunday*

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Rebecca McKenzie
Tom Moffit
Ben Hunt

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

March 25, 2026

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, PLAZA ANTONIO MACEO SQUARE
SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
MONDAY, 26 MARCH 2012

[Excerpt]

The Incarnation of the Son of God is the central mystery of the Christian faith, and in it Mary occupies a central place. But, we ask, what is the meaning of this mystery? And, what importance does it have for our concrete lives?

First of all, let us see what the Incarnation means. In the Gospel of Saint Luke we heard the words of the angel to Mary: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Lk 1:35). In Mary, the Son of God is made man, fulfilling in this way the prophecy of Isaiah: "Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel, which means 'God-with-us'" (Is 7:14). Jesus, the Word made flesh, is truly God-with-us, who has come to live among us and to share our human condition. The Apostle Saint John expresses it in the following way: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). The expression, "became flesh" points to our human reality in most concrete and tangible way. In Christ, God has truly come into the world, he has entered into our history, he has set his dwelling among us, thus fulfilling the deepest desire of human beings that the world may truly become a home worthy of humanity. On the other hand, when God is put aside, the world becomes an inhospitable place for man, and frustrates creation's true vocation to be a space for the covenant, for the "Yes" to the love between God and humanity who responds to him. Mary did so as the first fruit of believers with her unreserved "Yes" to the Lord.

For this reason, contemplating the mystery of the Incarnation, we cannot fail to turn our eyes to her so as to be filled with wonder, gratitude and love at seeing how our God, coming into the world, wished to depend upon the free consent of one of his creatures. Only from the moment when the Virgin responded to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38), did the eternal Word of the Father began his human existence in time. It is touching to see how God not only respects human freedom: he almost seems to require it. And we see also how the beginning of the earthly life of the Son of God was marked by a double "Yes" to the saving plan of the Father - that of Christ and that of Mary. This obedience to God is what opens the doors of the world to the truth, to salvation. God has created us as the fruit of his infinite love; hence, to live in accordance with his will is the way to encounter our genuine identity, the truth of our being, while apart from God we are alienated from ourselves and are hurled into the void. The obedience of faith is true liberty, authentic redemption, which allows us to unite ourselves to the love of Jesus in his determination to conform himself to the will of the Father. Redemption is always this process of the lifting up of the human will to full communion with the divine will (cf. Lectio Divina with the parish priests of Rome, 18 February 2010).

Dear brothers and sisters, today we praise the Most Holy Virgin for her faith, and with Saint Elizabeth we too say, "Blessed is she who believed" (Lk 1:45). As Saint Augustine said, Mary conceived Christ by faith in her heart before she conceived him physically in her womb; Mary believed and what she believed came to be in her (cf. Sermo 215, 4: PL 38, 1074). Let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith, to make it active and fruitful in love. Let us implore him that, like her, we may welcome the word of God into our hearts, and carry it out with docility and constancy.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE MARCH 28TH & MARCH 29TH

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS	Fred Burdick Jeff Decker Josh Reszke **Need Volunteer**	Carolyn Bradley Stephen Bradley Marie Lenhardt Christine Sullivan	Steve Uram John Urbanic Carol Wack Vince Zahm
GREETERS	Rebecca Thomason **Need Volunteer**	John Belleba Sharon Zielinski	Shelly Czupinski Andy Winnie
LECTORS	Jeff Kerner Maggie Sell	Sarah Scholl Van Vandagriff	Jack Lynch Theresa Urbanic
SACRISTAN	Toni Esteva	Therese Lasswell	Judy Ramirez
ALTAR SERVERS	Damian Dahl Jack Netsch Jordan Wells	Joe Comazzi Kellan Gentit Mathias Gentit	Jayden Smith Michael Stolarski **Need Volunteer**

LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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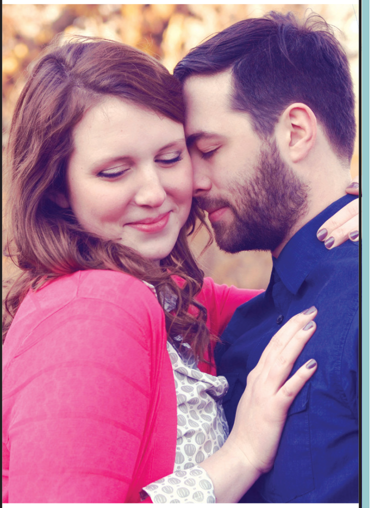

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